



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

## Beautification Board

TO: Steve Burrow  
Rodney Powell  
Jimmie VanValkenburgh  
Jim Bauer  
Mary Wayne Gilmore  
Margaret Griffin  
Linda Bender  
Mark Acreman  
Harlan Harrison

FROM: Evelyn Sanders

DATE: February 1, 2017

### RE M I N D E R

The regular meeting of the Beautification Board is set for 8:30 A.M., Wednesday, February 8, 2017 in the **Personnel Conference Room** in City Hall.

Call

FYI via email: Mayor Robert Craft  
City Administrator Steve Griffin  
Council Members: Philip Harris, Joe Garriss, Jason Dyken, Steve Jones,  
Gary Sinak  
Andy Bauer  
Jennifer Watkins  
Abby Rhodes

# **AGENDA**

## **BEAUTIFICATION BOARD**

**February 8, 2017**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome guests and members
- III. Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2017 meeting
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Arbor Day -Linda & Margaret
  - B. Beautification Award -Steve & Rodney
  - C. Media -Mary Wayne
  - D. Website- Margaret
  - E. New Projects- Linda
  - F. Landscape Work Update -Harlan & Mark
  - G. Planning & Zoning Update -Jennifer Watkins
  - H. Council Update-
- V. Other Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Meeting Date and Time
- VIII. Meeting Adjourn

**Gulf Shores Beautification Meeting  
Minutes of the Meeting  
January 11, 2017**

The Gulf Shores Beautification Board met on February 8, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Evelyn Sanders, Chairman, presided over the meeting in the Personnel Conference Room of the Gulf Shores City Hall.

Members present: Evelyn Sanders, Steve Burrow, Rodney Powell, Jimmie Van Valkenburgh, Margaret Griffin, Linda Bender, Mark Acreman, Harlan Harrison, and Jennifer Watkins.

Linda Bender made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2016, meeting. Rodney Powell seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

**Old Business**

Rodney Powell was thanked for having produced the flyers that were passed out to the businesses in the community pertaining to decorating their businesses for Christmas. More businesses participated in the placing of decorations and lights outside this year than previously. There had been approximately \$1,700,000.00 worth of damage done to the beach area and other businesses. It was suggested to continue with the Christmas lighting next year, but only decorate earlier.

Four Corners landscaping will be redone by removing plants and opening up views. A budget is needed by August 20<sup>th</sup>. Information will be put on the webpage and in the newspaper to try and get citizens involved. A suggestion was made to view the Christmas decorations at the Atlanta Merchandise Market. They have 1 – 2 floors of Christmas displays available. Street lights are suggested for Waterway District. There is no power in the median and it cannot be used. Everything south of Ft. Morgan will be irrigated and 100 Palm trees have been Planted.

**Arbor Day** – Linda Bender, Chairman, reminded us that Arbor Day is scheduled for February 25, 2017. Mayor Robert Craft will present the Arbor Day Proclamation on January 30, 2017, at 4 p.m. Posters are due on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Beautification Board will select a winner and first runner up after the Arbor Day Proclamation presentation. Mark Acreman stated that the City Council will be presenting a special service award to Harlan Harrison on January 30, 2017 during the meeting and the Beautification Board is invited to attend. 2017 is the thirtieth anniversary of Gulf Shores being a Tree City USA. Recognition will be placed on the digital boards. The trees for Arbor Day will be handed out on February 25, 2017, from 8:30 – 10 a.m. Margaret Griffin will help set up the pre-program. A tree will be planted after the Proclamation

is read at a chosen site. The members of the Beautification Board need to be at the Kids Park at 7:30 a.m. for the Arbor Day Celebration on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Beautification Award** – Rodney Powell, Co-Chairman of the Beautification Board Awards Committee, reported that the residence of Randy Phillips received the Seasonal Residential Award. Meyer Real Estate was presented the Seasonal Business Award. On November 28, 2016, the Big Beach Brewery was presented the commercial award.

**Media** – No report at this time.

**Website** – No report at this time.

**New Projects** – No report at this time.

**Landscape Work Update** – Harlan Harrison, Landscape Supervisor, gave a report on the Conference that he had just attended in Auburn, AL. Topics covered were the restructuring of Tree Boards, information about budgets, and pushing to have a City Forester or City Arborist. The location of the Urban Forestry Conference will return to Orange Beach and will be held on October 5-6, 2017. The City Landscape Crew are devoting a lot of time to the completion of the Sidewalk Project. Four Corners should be completed in about 4 – 5 weeks. Clean up from the storm required a lot of time. Routine maintenance is being done around the City.

Mark Acreman, Public Works Director, told the Board that the sidewalks north of Ft. Morgan will be completed shortly. They will be meeting with engineers to discuss the Beach Center Median. About 20% of the Beach Project has been completed. They are also working on the sidewalks to tie in with Highway 59. The underground project is being worked on from West Second Street to West Sixth Street. Fifteenth Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue bike walks are being worked on for school accessibility.

**Planning and Zoning** – No report at this time.

The next meeting of the Beautification Board will be on February 8, 2017. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmie Van Valkenburgh  
Secretary